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**Thanks**

- .. To those who shared our cross-country event with us this week and to Mrs Burgin for her thorough organisation.
- .. To the Holwell family for allowing the school to again use their farm as a venue for our Cross Country Event.
- .. To those parents helping out with our Mathex event tonight

**People of the week**

- .. All of those children whose efforts on the course helped to make this year's School Cross-Country such a memorable event.
- .. Julia, Thomas, Brayden, Connan all received players of the day over the last 4 games for the JB1 Hikurangi Rugby team (the Matarau based team)
- .. Bayden, Luke, Max & Jordan, all in the Whangarei U11 Rugby Rep team winners of their competition - plus Jordan was awarded player of the tournament.
- .. Daniel (also Euan & Scott) in the U13 Whangarei Rugby Rep team and winning their competition!
- .. Andrew .. please see the end of the newsletter

**ENTHUSIASM**

If you have not yet done so please ..

- .. take time to discuss this with your child(ren)
- .. let us know of any special demonstrations of enthusiasm so that we can celebrate these through our newsletter.

**Parents of Year 8 students**

.. will shortly be making some pretty important decisions for next year. Please don't hesitate to contact us if we can help in any way. Parents who indicated that their child would possibly be attending K.H.S. or W.G.H.S. next year received confirmation of their enrolment interview this week. These interviews take place here at Matarau School at 20 minute intervals.

Please remember to bring a completed enrolment form, a copy of your child's birth certificate (we can copy this for you), your child's most recent report and proof of residency if not an NZ citizen. If your appointment time does not suit please contact the school office on Monday. IF YOUR CHILD IS ATTENDING AN ALTERNATIVE SECONDARY SCHOOL PLEASE NOTE IT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO MAKE AN APPOINTMENT WITH THE SCHOOL CONCERNED.

If you have not received prospectus material for your school of choice please give us (or your intending school) a call.

**Year 1 Intake for 2013**

We are currently on the cusp of some important staffing decisions and it is essential that we have good information to enable us to plan optimal placements for all children. Although we will be speaking to local pre-schools, we are asking all parents to contact the office on Monday morning to advise of any children likely to be starting as new entrants here in 2013. It is important that we have accurate information.

### The IN MONTH Science Fair

Congratulations to Cameron who won first prize in the IN MONTH treasure hunt run by the Packard & Pioneer Museum. He wins a family pass to the Museum, and \$150 The Warehouse voucher!

Also a special congratulations to Max whose project Grizzly Bears gained the most votes by those entering the competitions. He wins a special prize of a family pass to the Packard & Pioneer Museum, and a \$20 voucher for Stirling Sports. Well done!

Congratulations to other prize winners from Matarau School, including Olivia Morgan who will be a Zookeeper for a day at the Museum (with the kiwi and soon to arrive Tuatara!), Grace (\$50 voucher from Cheapskates), and smaller prize-winners Eli and Toby.

Special thanks to Teresa Dunn, Tina Bradshaw, Kelly Prescott and Jim for their help in distributing the projects to their display spaces. Your help made a logistical nightmare easy. Many thanks also to Mr T, Scotty and Mrs Donaldson for their support of this project. We have had great feedback from the public. And not to forget you great Yr 7 and 8s who worked so hard with your projects. The public loved your work, thought it was great to look at and learned something at the same time! 2 shops are continuing to host as they have proved so positive.

Check out JK kids in Rathbone St, hosting Korea/NZ by Kylie Choi, and Classics in Bank St, hosting Dinosaurs by Hayoon Seo.

### School Cross Country

We are pleased to announce the following placings. Certificates will be presented at our school assembly starting 2:30pm Monday 20 August. Hope to see some of you there. Congratulations to all of these children.

Age Group	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup>	5 <sup>th</sup>	6 <sup>th</sup>
12 Yr Girls	Laura	Shannon	Hazel	Rebecca	Dina	Kyle
12 Yr Boys	Corey	Jamahl	Daniel			
11 Yr Girls	Jemimah	Kayla	Karmelle	Kate	Emily	Ruby
11 Yr Boys	Liam	Jared	Bronson	Cameron	Flynn	Andrew
10 Yr Girls	Natasha	Michelle	Grace	Tegan	Ariah	Tayla
10 Yr Boys	Max	Brendan	Jordan	Luke	Brad	James
9 Yr Girls	Ellie	Sarah	Aimee	Xanthe	Magan	Keegan
9 Yr Boys	Jack	Campbell	Olly	Daniel	Johnathan	Marcus
8 Yr Girls	Brooke	Julia	Grace	Tyla	Elizabeth	Emma
8 Yr Boys	Isaac	Charlie	Joseph	Toby	Jacob	
Yr 3 Girls	Amy	Shiphrah	Taylor			
	Jynaia	Mya	Eve			
Yr 3 Boys	Connan	Bradley	Ben	Thomas	Matthew	Conal
Yr 2 Girls	Ayla	Nicole	Hannah	Jemimah	Brianna	Brooke
Yr 2 Boys	Rueben	Kobi	Jacob	Royce	Daniel	Harley
Yr 0 / 1 Girls	Esther	Mikaylah	Jade	Ella	Melissa	Charlee
Yr 2 0 / 1 Boys	Jayden	Tokomauri	Josh	Ephraim	Luke	Kiran

*This year's Cross Country was sponsored by Whangarei Physiotherapy.*

### Taniwha Challenge (Zone Cross Country) TeHoro School - Thursday 16th

If your child is attending this event please ensure that they bring their lunch, a drink bottle, shoes suitable for cross country running, rainwear, warm clothes for after their race and spending money at your discretion. If transporting your own children to this event please note that children need to be at the venue no later than 9:45am. Children travelling to the venue on the bus must also travel home on the bus unless the supervising teacher is advised. Mrs Donaldson will be in charge of our team on the day. **We are a little down on offers of supervision and so if you are able to help please give Kevin a call on Monday morning.**

### Whangarei Interschool Cross Country - Barge Park - 7 Sept

The first 6 place getters (year 4 and up) have received an invitation to represent our school at the Interschool Cross Country at Barge Park on 7 September. Please ensure consents are returned as soon as possible (and no later than 20.8) so that we can confirm entries and find a replacement runner in the event that your child will not be participating. We would be grateful to any parent able to co-ordinate our team on this day - or for either the morning or afternoon. If able to help, or if you have any questions in the run up to this event, please give Kevin a call.

### **School Photos**

Will be taken this coming Monday (13.8). Family photos are usually taken first thing in the morning and so if you have ordered a family portrait please be here no later than 8:30 AM. If your child is in a team photo please ensure they bring their sports uniform with them. If you have not yet placed an order you can still do so on Monday morning but no later than 9:00am please (a reminder that money must come in with your order please).

### **Please can you help?**

We are currently assessing the viability / affordability of installing a new sandpit near the junior school .. not only do children love sandpits, sandpits can also be used during developmental learning time. The plan is to do phase one ourselves (soon) and then undertake a phase two upgrade when we can afford this. *If we can do phase one ourselves we stand to make considerable savings (which can be spent on learning resources) as well as benefit the children in the junior school right now. Todate we have only had 1 offer of help, and it looks like we will have to hire a contractor ...* If you can help in any way we are interested in hearing from people ..

- .. who have access to a digger or bobcat and who can spend an hour or two digging our hole.
- .. who are willing to help construct some timber sidings for the pit
- .. who are willing to help out with the spreading of sand
- .. who maybe can get some largish rocks (size to be determined)

We don't want to call on the same parents all the time but if you think you may be able to help please email Kevin on principal@matarau.school.nz or on 4335823 over the weekend or on Monday morning. Thank you!

### **Parents of Year 8 (and 7) students**

.. are asked to especially note the visit to our school of the new Kamo High School principal and members of his senior staff on Wednesday 15 August (7:00 PM in the staffroom). This is a special opportunity to meet the new principal and to hear about some of the things on offer at K.H.S. This meeting could be of special interest to those wanting to hear about the new direction at K.H.S. .. some exciting things in the pipeline!

If you think you might be at this meeting please ..

1. Phone our school office on Monday morning
2. Re-check on Wednesday morning to ensure that there were sufficient numbers for this meeting to proceed.

### **Coming up this term**

13 August	School photos
14 August	International Schools Mathematics Examination
14 August	WGHS enrolment interviews
14 August	WBHS Open Evening
15 August	KHS Meet the Principal & Senior Mgrs, Matarau 7pm
16 August	Zone Cross Country (Taniwha Challenge at TeHoro School)
23 August	Senior abseiling at Waipu
27 August	Regional Science and Technology Fair
28 August	Children year 6 and up visit the Regional Science Fair
30 August	KHS enrolment interviews
1 September	Trivia Night
5 September	Senior girls HPV dose 3
7 September	Interschool Cross Country at Barge Park
9-14 September	AIMS Games
21 September	Northland Cross Country
24 September	School Production week .. performances to be confirmed
26 September	Shake Out Day .. more to follow

28 September

Final day of term 3

### **Matarau Hockey - Sponsored by McQuinn Ground Spread**

Well Done to the following players of the Day Saturday 4 August :



C Grade - Aimee



D Grade - Amy



E Grade - Jazz

### **Matarau Netball**

Well Done to the following players of the Day Saturday 28 July:



Yr 4-6 - Magan



Yr 6-8 - Kayla

### **Mathex**

.. takes place this evening at Whangarei Boys' High School. Years 7 students are to be at the venue no later than 3:45 PM and year 8's no later than 4:45 PM. If you are not assisting with transport please arrange pick up of your child from Kamo McDonalds no later than 6:30 PM.

### **After School Care.**

We have a parent interested in providing After School Care for children in their family home on a private basis, pick up after school, snacks provided, homework attended. This parent has relevant experience, has been police vetted by the school and is available to start immediately. If interested please contact - Carol Welsh at home: 4335035 or Cell: 021 0817 9805

### **Helping your child become a reader**

This year we are trying to increase reading mileage for all children. The library advisor has given us some suggestions of how parents can help their children to become better, more enthusiastic readers. We will put a few thoughts in each newsletter ..

*Did you know that there is a great deal you can do to be a reading role model. Tell your children how and what you read .. it is especially important to boys to see their dads reading. Something to think about perhaps.*



### **Going For Gold**

It's great to see so many children so enthusiastic about reading their way to a medal. We have a few bronze medallists already - keep up the good work.

### **Ministrel**

Children have been invited to write a fishing story by the Minstrel when he last visited the school recently. The prize is a super fishing rod. Please get your stories in to Mrs Robertson by Friday 17th August.

### **International Schools Maths Competitions**

The International Schools Maths Exam is scheduled for 14 August. Children were given one more practice paper for the weekend and then we suggest no further papers until test day. Good luck to participants.

### **PMP**

We need a parent helper for Tuesdays from 1.30pm to 3.00 to assist with PMP, please leave your name with Helen at the office or see Rachael Robertson if you can help out.

### **Scholastic Book Club**

Issue #5 orders have now closed. Orders should be ready in 10 days or so.

### **Year 3/4 Camp**

Last term we advised that the year 4 camp would take place at Marsden Bay Youth Camp 30 October to 2 November (3 nights), with the year 3 students joining the camp 1 November to 2 November (1 night). We can also advise that the cost of this camp is likely to be in the vicinity of \$120 per student - cost of year 3 students yet to be set. We are heavily reliant on parent assistance at camp and hope that early notice of dates will enable some of you to plan to be with us .. and to budget for the cost.

### **Headlice Inspection**

The school should now be as clear of this problem as it is possible for a school of nearly 250 children to be. All parents are encouraged to check their children's hair weekly and to take prompt action in the event of infestation. General adherence to this approach usually keeps levels very low for the remainder of the term.

#### **Mrs Witte .. for those who missed this!**

If you think you can make it to Mrs Witte's farewell morning tea at 10.30am on Tuesday 14 August please give Helen a call **first thing Monday morning** so we can confirm catering arrangements. If unable to make this meeting please take the time by note or phone call to let Mrs Witte know how much you have appreciated her hard work.

#### **Te Reo / Kapa Haka Classes**

.. will resume soon. We are currently reviewing these programmes to ensure they are of maximum benefit to those involved. In the meantime please advise Kevin if ..

.. your child has not been involved in these classes and you would like them to be involved

.. if you would be keen to enrol your child in kapa haka if this was to be scheduled during class time (no guarantees).

.. if you are able to help with kapa haka

We will keep you posted on developments and apologise for the slight break in these programmes.

#### **Ballot for Out of Zone Students 2013**

.. will likely be advertised fairly soon once we have confirmed dates with adjoining schools. We are more than happy to answer any questions and to show people around the school. All out of zone places for years 1 to 6 were taken this year and so it is a good idea for parents to apply by the due dates (this year) to avoid disappointment. **If you know of anyone who might be interested please ask them to contact our school office.**

#### **Parent support with fundraising**

A huge thank you to those parents who assist with fundraising efforts .. efforts which help us to provide resources and learning opportunities which would not otherwise be possible. **Parent feedback in past years has consistently told us that people are willing to help when the load is spread, when they are not called on too often, and when they can choose what they are involved in.** Accordingly our policy is to approach parents only once a year in an area where they previously indicated a willingness to be involved. So .. if you receive advice of a forthcoming fundraising event, it is because you have earlier advised this was your chosen area. We understand that sometimes lives get very busy but please support where you can. If you would like to become involved in a different (or additional) area please contact Sharon Smith on 4338371 or 027 631 9361. An additional thanks to our Trivia team .. off to a fantastic start.

#### **Finally**      **SOME MORE AIRLINE HUMOUR**    Qantas Airlines: Repair Division

After every flight, Qantas pilots fill out a form, called a "Gripe Sheet" which tells mechanics about problems with the aircraft. The mechanics correct the problems; document their repairs on the form, and then pilots review the Gripe Sheets before the next flight. Never let it be said that ground crews lack a sense of humour. Here are some actual maintenance complaints submitted by Qantas' pilots (marked with a P) and the solutions recorded (marked with an S) by maintenance engineers. By the way, Qantas is the only major airline that has never, ever, had an accident. **WILL FEED YOU ONE A WEEK.**

**P: Dead bugs on the windshield.**

**S: Live bugs on back-order.**

### And Finally Finally

You will have noted earlier in the newsletter some high praise for our cross country runners, and also a reference to Andrew Wech as one of our people of the week. While the day was full of determined and heroic performances (certainly worthy of celebration) an equally significant act occurred which some of you may have missed. Towards the end of the day Andrew Wech (one of our year 8 students) was assisting a much younger child to finish his race. As this child struggled towards the finishing line in the pouring rain Andrew stayed at his side providing encouragement and support. As the rain grew heavier Andrew took off his own jacket and placed it on this little guy to keep him warm. In our mind Andrew this undoubtedly makes you one of the top performers of the day. Your parents should feel very proud of you .. we do! We want you to know that this act of kindness was noticed!

Have a great weekend!

Regards,  
Kevin Trehwella  
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### Community Notices

For Sale - border collie pups, 1 x male red & white; 2 x female black & white; 3 x male black & white; \$550 for B/W; \$650 for R/W, Ready to go 21<sup>st</sup> August. Call Mandy on 435 0559 or 021 101 8361

Pig food wanted, anything considered. Will pick up windfall fruit etc off ground. Phone Kelly 433 5588.

Parenting Toolbox sessions - Join a Toolbox parenting group and learn how to build a great family team. Discover new parenting ideas and discuss successful strategies in a six week group course. Toolbox groups are free of charge to whanau caregivers, foster carers, adopters, grandparents raising grandchildren and Home for Life parents thanks to government funding. If you would like more information about Toolbox parenting groups in Northland contact Debbie Short 09 433 5040

Storylines – free family day at Whangarei Central Library. Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> August 10am – 2pm. Meet authors & illustrators, watch performances; enter competitions; win prizes; watch artists in action & create your own illustrations.

Meadow Fresh Promotion – Collect yellow Cool Stuff for Kids stickers found on specially stickered Meadow fresh milk and yoghurt packs. Stickers must be at school by Friday 19<sup>th</sup> October.

GREAT NIGHT OUT - Please support our Kamo Magpies JB7s rugby team (quite a few ex Matarau boys are in this team) - raise money for their end of season trip. We are selling tickets for a social at the Kamo Rugby Clubrooms off Butler Place. - will be a great night out. 18<sup>th</sup> August, 7pm til late. Band - Gravel Road; \$30 each ticket. Cash bar. See Shirley Perris at school or text her on 021 1152 138.

## **School Fundraising**

### *Raffle Fundraiser*

- 1st Prize Hampton & Mason 6 pc Cookware Set (valued @ \$400) Tkt # 0682 Suzanne Woodgates
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize Olympus Dictaphone (valued @ \$300) Tkt # 1398 H Hughes
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Prize Trailer of Wood (valued @ \$100) Tkt # 1265 Iain May
- 4<sup>th</sup> Prize Kenwood Sticker Mixer (valued @ \$90) Tkt # 0397 Tina Keatley
- 5<sup>th</sup> Prize Thermos 1ltr Stainless Steel Vacuum Flask (valued @ \$70) Tkt # 0989 A Pasoce

Huge thanks to DigiType for donated Dictaphone & all families, friends & our community for their support – we have made a profit of over \$2000. Plus a big thank you to Paula Powell for preparing the tickets.



# *The Champion Juniors at the School Country*



Prize for the  
best dressed  
team table

# *Annual Trivia Night Fundraiser*



*Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2012  
7pm - Matarau School Hall*

If your company can sponsor a table your company name will appear here for the next few newsletters plus featuring on a table on the night and around the hall! Easy way to get seen by the locals! Great value for only \$100!

Contact Wendy Francis on 435 4659 or Sarah Kessell 435 1202 for full details.

Prize Donations: if you are unable to sponsor a table, would you be able to donate a prize or prizes for the night? These could either be used as part of silent/live auctions or a lucky door prize. Prizes could be anything from chocolate to wine to bathroom products, or perhaps an old gift that's not been used??!

Any queries call Wendy or Sharon, or see Helen in the office.

*Get your table groups together  
(4-6 people per team)*

*Tickets are now on sale at the office  
\$20 per person*

This includes lots of fun, nibbles and a light supper. BYO Drinks.

Start sorting your costume, table groups and dusting off your thinking caps!!

You could be surprised just what trivia you know!

*Don't miss out on a fantastic night!!!*

